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First Time

New sport demonstrates high hopes

Since the first kick of the first game of the first season people knew that having soccer available to girls would be a nice addition to the high school's sports resume.

season was quite a success.

The historical first team was led by junior Tracy Zabek who added spark to the team as they played. Zabek felt both proud and honored to be part of the original girls soccer.

"I really felt proud to be on the first girls team, and I appreciated the chance to represent our team as well as our school," she explained.

Freshman Tania Fliter was second on the team with four goals and one assist. Fliter was also a veteran club soccer player.

"I enjoy playing varsity more because you represent your school and your town. There is one came close. It may take a few years, but more intensity involved because club soccer is girls soccer will prevail more recreational," expressed Fliter.

Sophomore Taryn Vrane led the defense, earning the "Iron Maiden" award by playing every minute of every game. Vrane didn't have many complaints, just one. Like many And all things considered, this inaugural athletes, Vrane didn't enjoy weekend practice sessions

> "The only real drawback was having to get up early on Saturday morning for practices," she said.

> Backstopping the Lady Panthers was junior goalie and co-captain Misty Parent. Parent was the recipient of the second "Iron Maiden"

> "It's (playing goalie) different, that's for sure, but it's a lot of fun," said Parent. Parent also won the Most Improved Player Award.

> First years are rarely spectacular, but this

Scott Reese .Kule Hecht





Sophomores Deanna Panthers practiced after ◆ shrion Myers

Bending down to save a net. Parent was awarded the Best Goalie Award

Shawn Myers

Goofing Off

Fun and all, runners have good season

The final 50 yards across level ground. She makes a last ditch effort to kick, pulling ahead of the red jerseyed rival. Just a few more steps...the tape falls. Griffith is victorious.

Cross Country, one of the most high-endurance sports, requires hours of training even before the season's first meet. Sophomore Michele Aldrinsurvived those training sessions and enjoyed the team's impressive season.

"The season went really well, I think," she said. "We placed second in our conference just behind Highland by about 20-30 points."

The guys, however, suffered some rough meets.

"Our team did pretty well, but not as well as we had hoped. We had what we needed but didn't use it," explained junior Brian Belcher.

Although practices were difficult, the teams turned workouts into fun. Belcher recalled one

practice when the entire team took the day off.

"I remember when Coach (Bernie Zemen) got mad at us and threw our car keys down. After that, we all took off and played volleyball with a couple of runners off the girls' team," laughed Belcher.

The girls also tried to lighten up their practices with a little fun, a little too much fun, according to Aldrin.

"Our practices weren't structured, we all goofed around. If they were structured, then maybe we would have beat Highland," said Aldrin.

A season filled with grueling workouts and off-the-track practices resulted in a Conference Second Place for the girls and a Conference Sixth Place for the guys.

◆ Kyle Hecht



After his race, senior Fred Rauscher catches his breath. Aside sports honors, Rauscher received academic ones.

• Mike Milligan

Maintaining a steady pace, sophomore Darcy Biesczat runs competitively in the 5K. Biesczat was named "Most Improved Runner." • Imme Manner.





Cross Country

Sectional-3rd, Regional-8th

Boys

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Back row Fred Rauscher, Paul Passine (Head coach) Bernie Zemen, John Nelepa Mikt

Smashing It

Team talent surpasses season record

His competition walks to centercourt, picks up the ball, tosses it high in the air, sets up his racket and ...whack... the balls sails over the net. The ball volleys back and forth between the two combatants until the GHS man smashes an unreturnable ball at the back corner of the other guy's court. He scores.

Boys tennis had a great season despite their third place Sectional ranking. But junior Ken Rudzinski felt the Panther team could have done much better with the talent on the team.

"I thought we did okay, but we should've accomplished more than a third place conference record." said Rudzinski.

Junior Victor Garcia agreed, noting that their experienced coach had much to offer the team.

"We had a real strong first doubles team and a real good group at singles. I think we could have done better, but that's how all teams feel when the season is over," explained Garcia.

Rudzinski also felt the team should get more credit than they received.

"We should've won more matches. We're better than our record showed, and we shouldn't be put down for that," Rudzinski commented about the season.

Garcia also explained that although the players were serious during matches, they had some great times at practice and when they traveled for away games.

"We had a great time at practice and on road trips. People like Jason Andriessen and Chris Miller made the season fun. We had a lot of fun joking around with 'Zoltar' (Mike Zolcak) who was on the junior varsity team," said Garcia.

Despite a Sectional loss to Crown Point, the team's talent was apparent to all fans.

◆Kyle Hecht



During an intense practice, senior Jason Andriessen works on his ground stroke. Andriessen played tennis beginning his sophomore year Φ Jerime Wargo

Waiting to return the serve, junior Ken Rudzinski putsina day's work. Rudzinski was a singles player and also participated in the school band ◆ lerime Wargo







Practicing his serve, senior Scott Doctor prepares for his next match. Doctor had an honorable mention for conference this season. • Jerime Wargo

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Top: Ken Rudzinski, Chris Miller, Head Coach Tim Maluga, Mike Kelly, Scott Doctor Front: Jason Andriesson, Victor Garcia, Scott Navaro, Ray Surbanto, Paga Millor



Lunging to the ball, freshman Ryan Milton streaks across the court. Milton was one of the few freshmen on the team ◆ lerine Wargo

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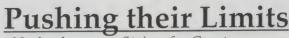


Back: Head Coach Rob Gass, Carrie Zimmerman, Ann Purgert, Valerie Webb, Aimee Willis, Sharon Gardner, Coach Karl Grimmer, Front: Jill Troksa Stephanie Smith, Kristina Pikus, Melissa Huber, Amy lo Sears, Tracy Pikorz



Attempting to better her time, ireshman Stephanie Smith competes in the 100-yard breaststroke. She achieved her best time in the breaststroke with a time of 1.5. *Jerine Warço Gasping for some air, junior Ann Purgert swims the 100 meter backstoke. Purgert helped the team win meets with her time of 3:07.45 ◆ Fina Wilcox





Underclassmen Strive for Greatness

"Swimmers take your mark... go!" The pop of the starter's gun sent swimmers careening into the water. But, many of the girls springing from those blocks were inexperienced junior high freshmen.

"For as small and as new as we were, I think we did a pretty good job,"said junior Valerie Webb, team captain.

In fact, that "pretty good job" included various team records set by seniors Aimee Willis and Kristina Pikus and junior Valerie Webb. Willis broke a Sectional diving record with 441points.

"I was so excited because I figured I would win, but I didn't expect to break the school record," commented Willis with excitement.

Freshman Amy Sears joined Willis on the board to double the size of the diving team.

"I think diving is more fun than swimming,

plus the practices were easier," said Sears.

The CHS girls swim team was probably the smallest team around the area, with only 10 and 11 swimmers at any one time. Although individual performances were often excellent, the girls' final meet scores often revealed their small-team handicap.

"We had the strength to win as a team, but we were out-numbered practically every meet," said Ann Purgert, junior, who swam the 100-yard breaststroke.

Considering this year "a building year," the girls are looking toward the area swim club to provide some numbers.

"A lot of of freshmen from the swim club are coming up next season. They are really good, and I'm really excited about the season next year," exclaimed Purgert.

◆Jill Troksa, Kyle Hecht





Practicing her back dive, sentor. Atmee Willis prepares for State. Willis competed at the State level for three years.

• Jarime Wargo

Making a splash, sophomore Carrie Zimmerman builds up her meet stamina. Zimmerman seta goal for the 100 yard fly with a time of 1.28. 41 rime Wareo

Short Handed

Injuries cause heartache for girls basketball

"Be Aggressive, Be Be Aggressive. B-E-A-G-G-R-E-5-S-I-V-E!!" That definitely described the 1994-95 Lady Panthers. Diving and scrapping after loose balls and pumping up their adrenaline when a victory was no where in sight. Yet when the pile of aggressive players cleared, an injured Lady Panther was left on the ground grimacing in pain. Everyone knew that another teammate would be sitting the bench in her street clothes. But they stuck with it and made the most of their bleak season.

Non-starters and underclassmen were needed to step up and fill the gaps left open by the injured athletes. That didn't seem to be a problem, according to junior guard Stefanie Dominguez.

"Since Jessica(Furman) got hurt during practice and then Kezia(Morris) hurt her knee in a game, we felt comfortable going to our non-starters. I mean, we are all equally as good, so it really wasn't a problem. Some just didn't have as much experience. I think we tried much harder too because it was coach's last season," said Dominguez.

Erin Leonard, junior guard, agreed.

"I think we could've had a .500 season if we didn't have so many injuries, but unfortunately, they all came at one time," commented Leonard.

Injuries weren't plague this season. Occasionally, the girls strayed away from that "team spirit" needed to get through a really tough game against a fierce opponent.

"We could've been better if we played together as a team and not as selfish individuals," explained Leonard.

Despite all the negatives, the girl's seemed to find some unity and make their season respectable. ** Katie Reinschreiber*



Lady Fanthers huddle during a time out to get some last-minute plays from Coach A. The Panthers were haunted by mutries this season. Shawn Myers

C.R.A.P Concentration, repetition, attitude, poise. Freshman Tania Fliter tries adding to the scott by 'shooting two."
Fliter was a plus for the Panthers ◆ shawn Myers.





Posting up was what she did best. Junior co-cap-tain Jessica Furman calls for the ball down low. Furman reinjured her ankle in mid-season, causing her to be out until the beginning of Sectionals **/slatum Myers

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Higher Up

Cheerleaders Go Above Average

One...two...down...up! That was the rhythm when a cheerleader was sprung high above the crowd to yell GO G-H-S as she performed her basket toss during a timeout.

The cheerleaders brought some excitement to their routines when they added lifters to the squad during basketball season. Junior Scott Reese commented on being a part of the squad.

"I was there to give them moral support. I didn't do much lifting. I don't know why, but I did whatever Ms. Schmidt (sponsor) asked me to do. I held up signs and really tried to get the crowd going."

Other excitements included travelling to Orlando to perform in the pre-game show of the Citrus Bowl, and All Star seniors Roxanne Luptak and Lisa Smith going to London to participate in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade.

"We worked very hard to earn this trip. We

realized it when we were titled Superior Squad at our annual UCA camp competition," remarked sophomore Jeanette Vickery about the squad's trip.

Butterflies and shaking knees are what senior Lisa Smith remembered feeling when she recalled the day she tried out for cheerleading All-Stars.

"I was so nervous when I tried out. We had to do a dance, a cheer, and a jump! London was absolutely the best. Roxanne and I had so much fun. I think it was the best time of my life," exclaimed Smith.

The cheerleading program has continually shown its excellence. Being rated a Superior Squad, performing in the Citrus Bowl, and having two All-Star cheerleaders reflected the the hardwork and dedication these girls had.

◆Katie Reinschreiber, Jeanette Vickery



Portable heaters were the cheerleader's best friends as they tried to keep their hands from going numb during the long cold football season.

* haven Muers*

Supporting each other and their team, the cheer-leaders came up with a exciting way to introduce the starting lineup for boys basketball ◆ shaven







Reaching new heights, sophomore Dawn Pinkston rises through the air while performing a basket toss during the boys basketball pregame. Pinkston was able to get way up there with the help of the lifters. This was the first year in several that the cheerleaders had lifters to help build routines. ** Jaharn Muers**

Cheerleaders



Besides pumping up the crowds, the cheerleaders spent many hours preparing for their trip to Orlando. While vacationing with Mickey, Donald and Goofy, the spirit getters had an opportunity to perform in the pre-game show of the Citrus Bowl. They received this honor for a superior performance at the Ball State UCA camp in July. Through fundraisers and support, all but two cheerleaders were able to attend.



Varsity: Roxanne Luptak, Stacev Matthews, Dawn Pinkston Row2: Danielle Kovecsi, Lisa Smith, Front Row: Cheryl Blythe.



Junior Varsity: Megan Harvath, Chrissy Doyle Front Row: Audra Vrane, Karen Jensen, Jeanette Vickery.

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Back Row: Kathy Carnahan, Steve Lehman Teremy Skiris Dan Anderson, Eric Cable, Head Coach Eric Schilling Front Row: Rick Smith, Tony Nelson, Victor Wilcher Chuck Hartman, Brandon Stegall. Leading the team to victory senior Josh Rodriguez tears through the game hoop. Rodriguez was a starting guard for the Panthers.

Shawn Myers





Shooting It

Players face the standard "rebuilding year"

Game time excitement. The adrenaline rushes, and the heart pounds. The ball is tossed high near the rafters, and the "man in the middle" starts the press for GHS to finish off their adversary.

The Panthers dominated a few of their opponents this season, such as Whiting and Morton, but senior Sean Galiher thought the team, as a whole, could have worked harder throughout the season.

"We started playing good ball at the opening of the season, but we got cocky and started slacking off. We really should've at least been a .500 team," commented Galiher.

Junior Cle Kimbrough also stated that the team could've been more successful if they worked on consistency.

"We shouldn't have lost so many games. Sometimes, we dropped five or six in row. I can't believe it,"shrugged Kimbrough.

Among all the hype of the season, nobody realized that this was the end of an era, the era of Head Coach Ron Divjak. Although Divjak didn't announce it to his seniors, Galiher had a notion that he would retire.

"I figured that he was leaving because his daughter was graduating from Lake Central and would be playing ball in college."

Kimbrough stated that the coach's retirement wasn't much of a surprise, but losing a coach is sometimes difficult.

"To hear him say he was retiring wasn't a big shock; there had been so many rumors. It's always sad to see a coach leave after so many years of dedication and service to the sport." he explained.

Through it all, the Panthers won some and lost some, but maybe their rebuilding year will result in a victorious 1995-96 season.

♦ Kule Hecht, Katie Reinschreiber





Out tompting his opponent for the ball, sophomore Mike Sherry wins the tip for the game Sherry helped the team out a lot through the season * sharen Muers

Guarding his competitor from passing sophomore Kevin Shalle tries to maneuver a steal Shaller was one of the many sophomores on the team Φ -shawn Muers

Rebuilding

Swimmers look ahead for the future

Every team has its highs and lows throughout the years. The boys swimming team has been no exception. This season, they reached their high and saw a number of highlights as they rebuilt their team. They bulked up and worked out to achieve their first winning record since the 1989 team.

Senior Phil Bice, 100 fly, remarked about the team's success

"It was nice to know that the swim team is finally back to being competitive once again. In coming years, we're looking to beat Highland and Gavit. Munster is also a tough team," he explained.

Another shining aspect of the Panther team was the 200 free relay. Senior John Nalepa, juniors Howie Ulrich and Braden Wayne, and freshman Jeremy Boilek set a school record.

"It was really exciting to break the record. It made such a difference. We practiced much

harder, and the whole team got really pumped up about it. That's really how it should feel," explained junior Braden Wayne.

Another relay member, senior captain John Nalepa, expressed his feelings about breaking the school record.

"It felt so great because I broke it my sophomore year. And then I broke it again before I graduated. Before the race started, we huddled and said a prayer," commented Nalepa.

They also could've broken the 200 medly record, but one of the swimmers was late showing up for the race.

Unity and support is always a key for a team to be successful, and that's just what the Panthers had this year compared to last year.

According to many of the swimmers, team togetherness was a big factor in their search for a successful season. • Katie Reinschreiber



Pumping some iron, sophomore David Falda bulks up for the upcoming season. The Panthers had their first winning season since 1989 ◆ talt Troksa

Making a splash, senior Mark Patrick and junior Braden Wayne leave senior Phil Bice in their tracks as they complete their daily warm up laps.







<u>Boy's</u> Swimming

♦ III Troksa

SECTIONALS



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Reaching for a breath of air and a victory, freshman Jeremy Boilek competes in the 100 yard butterfly. Boilek was also a member of the record breaking 200 yard free relay team */premic Wares

Togetherness

Support helps Girls Tennis succeed

Swaying back and forth waiting for the serve. Her palms are sweaty as the sun beats down on the court. Butterflies flutter in her stomach as she is determined to become the state champion. She glances to the sidelines and sees her teammates cheering her to a hopeful victory. Support and togetherness, that's what made up the Lady Panther tennis team.

Although their record wasn't quite as successful as the 92-93 or 93-94 teams, the girls felt they really pulled together and had a great season. They had to rebuild and shape their players into excellent tennis stars.

"Our season didn't meet up to the past two years record wise, but I would consider this a building year. We really didn't expect a .500 season," said senior co-captain Kelli Steiber.

Second doubles team member junior Tracy Zabek commented that the team's inexperience was a factor in the team's performance.

"The season went well, but next year, we'll be a lot better. We had a bunch of inexperienced players on the team this year. For most of us, it was our first year on varsity. I think we did well,"said Zabek.

Much of the team's success came from the girls' support for one another. When there were tough matches ahead, all the girls gave each other shoulders to lean on.

"I think we really pulled together, supported each other, and got the job done. Support really helped when it came to the really tough matches,"said junior Valerie Roper, third singles player.

The girls stayed together, and they had much to be proud of. They sent junior Sara Miller and seniors Kelli Steiber and Carolyn Healy to Indianapolis in quest of state championships.

Katie Reinschreiber



Concentration was key player junior Sara Miller. Miller had been a key player for the Lady Panthers since her freshman year. | Ill Troksa

Stretching for the return, junior Valerie Roper attempts to crush her opponent. Roper was the third season + III Troksa





Fighting for the return, Number One doubles team of seniors Kelli Steiber and Carolyn Healy work together to make an unbeatable team Steiber and Healy were paired up this season and proved to be a great match-up as they won every match except one to their Munster Mustang rivals.

Girls Tennis

Scoreboard

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Back Row: Tracy Zabek, Nicole Wiliams, Valerie Roper, Coach Tim Maluga Row2: Sara Miller Front Row: Carolyn Healy Kelli Steiber



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After completing his race junior Ryan Hubbard waits for the timekeeper to announce his final time and what place he received. Hubbard was an all-around runner, competing wherever he was needed. His best time in the 100 meters was 11.6 seconds • Janun Myers



Over the Edge

Boys and Girls track strut their stuff

He's in the home stretch with just a few more meters to go. His determination builds, and his heart is pumping. If he can just hang on a few more seconds before his opponent passes...

Meanwhile, a cheer rises from across the field. The Lady Panther track team has won the 1600 meter relay.

Then suddenly, he crosses the finish line in victory. Just another successful race as boys and girls track finished their seasons with impressive records.

Senior captain Andy Budack boasted about the boys' undefeated 8-0 season.

"There were two highlights this season. The first was winning the indoor conference, and the second was when we won the outdoor conference meet. We actually tied with Highland, but we won," exclaimed Budack.

The girls faced major competitors, but

Michelle Forster reflected on the team's accomplishments. "This season was a lot of fun, but it was very competetative, also. I think our conference match-ups were mor e difficult than the guys so we didn't do as well as they did. But we had a great season anyway. I loved our relay team. We were Number One in our conference and won all of our races except one. That was the best," remembered Forster.

The girls 1600 meter relay team advanced to the regional competition.

The boys team was also victorious at sectionals. The 400 meter relay team, senior Fred Rauscher, as well as junior pole vaulter Ryan Gootee all qualified for regionals.

Whether it was the guys or the gals, GHS track proved to their competition that they could truly strut their stuff.

◆ Katie Reinschreiber, Melanie Scheeringa





Leaping her way down the stretch, senior Sara Redar strives to finish in first place Redar competed in the 300 low lurdles. • Sharan Muers

Pushing for extra distance senior Shellie Hoover long jumps to victory. Hoover's longist jump was recorded at 13 feet and 11 inches

Giving it All

Softball players make the most of the season

No matter what some people say or do, things don't always go their way. For example, an umpire calls a girl out when everyone knew she was safe, or the plate umpire's strike zone is about three centimeters wide and the pitcher can't make ends meet. It may be tough to face, but sometimes it just happens. That was exactly what the 1995 softball players were handed this season, but they were good. They stuck together and overcame those rough calls and had a successful season with a 19-5 record.

Sure, there were some disappointments, but that could be expected with any team.

"Our loss to Highland was a real heartbreaker because it was a conference game. We should have won it. We beat them 5-1 earlier in the season." commented senior Emily Bacan.

Of course, the biggest heartbreaker of them all was when the season came to a sudden stop with their first round sectional

loss to Merrillville, a prime example of how things didn't go as they had hoped.

"We really had a good chance to go all the way this year, but I guess things didn't go our way," stated junior Betsy Blessing.

Blessing has looked into the Panther's future and predicts another good season.

"Next year, we should be even better because we have a lot of strong underclassmen coming up from our junior varsity team."

This season meant a lot to the players.

"Being this is my senior year, my last season as a Lady Panther has meant more to me than any other year," remarked Bacan.

As the seniors said goodbye, the rest of the team looked ahead for next season, anxious to hand Lake Central their third defeat in a row, send Merrillville to its grave, and make it to state.

Katie Reinschreiber



Feasting at the annual picnic, team members sat around and caught up on the latest gossip. The picnic was a tradition to prepare for sectionals.

• Katle Reinschreber

Safely at third base, senior Jen Rossner takes a breather during a timeout. Rossner was the starting shortstop since her freshman year.

* shawn Myers





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Back Row: Coach Larry Parker, John Neighbors, Mike Osika, Jeremy Boilek, Mike Kelly, Jeff Smith Bob Blessing, Row 2: Tim Kulinski, Ryan Melton, Joel Bratton, Steve McGuire, Shawn Pike, Noah Zondor, Front Row: Shane Hudnall.



Practicing his drive, sophomore John Neighbors tres to improve a vital part of his game. Neighbors' game at the end of the season stood at 50.7 strokes per game. ◆ Shawn Mwers





Putsin' Around

Golfers drive for a winning season

spectators remain in complete silence, he takes the Best Mental Attitude award. a few practice swings, SWOOSH! He connects settles on the green just short of the pin.

A young golf team was budding in the Spring of 1995. After a subpar season before, the team had fairly low expectations for themselves. Losing four of its top five varsity players, two to graduation, didn't help the team set high sights for titles.

record (6-10) was only one game away from where we finished last season. We finished above .500 in conference (5-4), but our expectations weren't too high though, because all of our varsity players were underclassmen. and will know team play better than the young We just had a lack of experience last season," explained junior Mike Osika, who showed his

He places the ball on the tee. While the leadership over this young team by earning

And even with all of the inexperience, Osika well, and the small crowd cheers as the ball predicted that things would fall into place next year. Everyone from both the varsity and junior varsity teams will be eligible to return next year, and the top two golfers earned second team All Conference honors.

"Sophomore Bob Blessing and freshman Ieremy Boilek were the team leaders this year. Besides, by having a young team, Coach (Larry "Overall, I'd say we did pretty good. Our Parker) will get the chance to work with them longer, so they'll have a really good chance to make improvements for the season next year," said Osika.

> Next year's team will be more experienced team this year.

◆Greg Kirk





Sinking his putt playing +Shawn Myers Practicing his drive Conference Victor

Taking It All

Panthers capture title

After the start of the game, the pitcher eyed the batter and waited for the sign. The catcher flashed a series of signals to the awaiting pitcher who took them in as a second language.

He goes into his wind up and hurls the ball into the catcher's target. The Panther batter takes a swing and smashes the ball. It sails far and high.

The hitting staff of GHS was pretty good this season. Senior Matt Skura remarked that all three sections (hitting, pitching, fielding)were good individually, but didn't perform as one until Sectionals.

"We all weren't good at one time. We seemed to perform better in just one area at a time. When mid-season came around, we all found each other, and we played together," said Skura.

The baseball team certainly did find each other and at exactly the right time. When sectionals came around, the team performed at

its peak. After their win against Calumet, they brought home the sectional title. Then, Coach Todd Iwema and his "Dogg Pound" took it one step further as the Panther Train kept rolling and won its first regional championship in GHS baseball history, defeating the Bishop Noll Warriors 11-7.

"We had enough talent going into the game, but I didn't think that we'd make it this far because nobody in Griffith has ever made it to the regionals and won," exclaimed junior Erik Benson.

While the Panthers had a shaky start, a few wins here and some unexpected losses there totally turned themselves around and got their act together when it really counted. The Panthers journeyed south to take on Lafayette Harrison in the semi-state matchup. The Panther Train was still rollin'.

◆ Kyle Hecht, Katie Reinschreiber



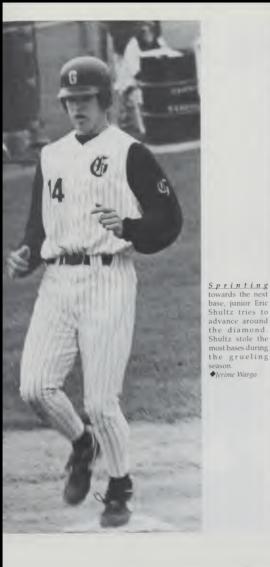
Giving pre-pitch plans, senior Josh Rodriguez gives senior Jeff Labada orders for the next wave. Labada was a starter pitcher in the season.

• I rime Wargo

Logging home, sophomore Mike Sherry racks up another point for CHS. Sherry has a biography about his athletic career on pages 96-97. ◆ letime Wargo







Baseball

Sectionals
Regionals



Back, Row Scott, alther, Bird, albe Bo Radtke, 3rd Row Eric Schultz, Josh Price, Eric Benson, Mike Forster, Matt Skura, Brett Gragado, 2nd Row Coach Eric Schilling, Coach Todd Iwena, Dan Ahart, Ieft Labada, Steve Pary Steve Harvath, Front Row, Manager kyle Konopasic, Josh



Sliding into home plate sophomore Dave Falda

Pinning Them

Grapplers try to take Regionals

Down at the end of the field house in a hot stuffy room passersby could hear the grunts and growns of exhaustion as the Panther grapplers finished another day of practice. The wrestlers faced new challenges on the mat this season.

For starters, there were only three returning seniors on the team which left many spots wide open. Among the underclassmen that stepped up was freshman heavyweight Mike Grasch.

"I really felt good about doing the way I did considering I'm a freshman and all. I still have a lot to learn, and I have to improve," said Grasch.

For the first time in GHS history, the grapplers had a female teammate, senior Kristina Pikus.

"At first, I think they thought that I was just kidding around, so their reactions were typical. Once they realized I was serious, they warmed up to me being around," commented Pikus.

She also faced the prejudice of other schools not wanting to wrestle her.

"I'm not sure what they thought. I'd be interested to know. More than likely when they saw me, they probably thought I was a mat maid," said Pikus.

The season was not a total disappointment for her, though.

"I think I did well even though it was my first year. I was happy just to have the opportunity to be on the team," said Pikus.

A pleasant surprise this year was sophomore Ben Loudenber. He qualified for Regionals after going 2-3 on the mat.

"I wanted to do a lot better, but it was great to make it to Regionals. Next year, I'm hoping to improve in my 185 pound weight class," explained Loudenber.

Although returning very few lettermen this year, the wrestling team met its challenges this year..

◆ Scott Reese, Kyle Hecht

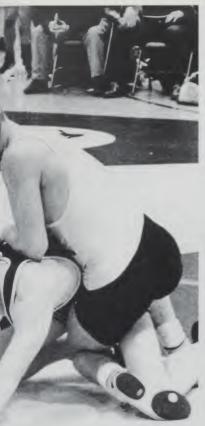


Truing to roll over his challenger for the night, junior Ryan Gootee must overcome his opponent's strength Gootee was also active on the football team • Kule Hecht

Waiting for the attack, senior Jeff Messmer stares down his opponent. Messmer wrestled in the 135 and 142 weight classes.
• Kyle Hecht







Putting a hold on an opponent, senior Jeff Duke must pin his challenger. Duke was part of the four man team that went on to Regionals. • Kyle Hecht

Wrestling

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Top Row: Coach Chris Mares, Matt A. ison Ron Mulligar, M. s. Grausch, Ryan Gootee, Coach Scott Hendran, Scoot Row: A Coke, Mark, Acosta, Azora Rose, Mike Bierman, Scott Kuinnska, Levy, Hendron, Kevin Mesomer, Bottom Row:



It's all fun and games until...

You Have to Sell Candy

Ding...Ding...Ding. You slide into class just as the bell rings. It's 8 a.m., and you're barely awake.

Summer vacation is over and you're about to begin a whole new year of activities.

"Good Morning. These are your high school daily announcements for Tuesday, August 26." Ahh, the familiar old morning announcements.

"Attention sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Booster Club, SADD, and DECA will hold meetings this week for anyone who interested in becoming a member. Meetings will take place at 3 p.m."

Deciding that Booster Club and SADD sound appealing, you remind yourself to go to Mrs. O's and Mr. Reyome's room after school. Wait! Clubs mean fundraisers, and fundraisers mean selling! Oh Man!

It's all fun and games until you have to sell candy.

Biggs and bigge junior and panth mascot Julie Stuck gives the Booste Club a hand i preparing the blim for Homecomin, festivities. The blim; donated by Christies ensen Chevrolet sailed above the fieldhouse on Home coming Friday Shaung Porrer.



Varsity Club

Sponsor: Russ Radtke, Barbara Deleger

Members 62

Activities Homecoming Dance, Lift-A-

Thon



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Booster Club

Sponsor Kay Orzechowicz

Officers: Melanie Scheeringa, Shauna Poiner, Rachel Duney, Courtney Sanger, Nancy Marszalek, Kristina Pikus

Activities: Locker Buddies, Homecoming

Members, 82



Front Row: Dawy Biokston, Alana Robbs, South Corns, Karry

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S ophomore Jean ette Vickery decorates senior Mike Anderson's locker early Friday morning In addition to Anderson's locker buddy. Vickery was also his girl-frend.

◆Ryan Govert







mascot junior Julie Stucky amuses the crowd

with the help of her new found friends . Sound

Breaking through the wishbone, senior co-cap

lead the team onto the field & Shiren Myer-

How

Locker Buddies

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Decorating lockers, walking in the Homecoming parade and sponsoring dances. That was what Booster Club and Varsity Club were all about. Their main purpose was to promote spirit.

This year there was a minor change in one Booster Club activity. No candy was to be placed in the football players' lockers due to too much litter on the floors. Many students were less than thrilled about this rule.

"Decorating the guys' lockers with candy is a tradition and a way to show school spirit," said Alana Robles, junior and Booster club member.

Even players weren't happy with the new rule. Senior Lewis Belcher stressed his opinion.

"I don't like having to go get my candy after school. It was more fun when we got to eat it all day," said Belcher.

Although students may disagree, the majority seem to be getting over it.

◆ Heather Teeling

"X"

Bowlers strive

Marks

for the

the

Sacred Strike

Spot

It was a tense moment. The ball glided down the lane, curving toward the gutter and back toward the head pin, then CRASH! The pins scattered. And, the scorekeeper marked an X in the third frame box.

First year bowler Nikki Garza, sophomore, remembered her first strike.

"I had been doing really bad so I was jumping around like crazy because I finally got a strike," laughed Garza.

Last year, the bowling club had 30 members, yet only 17 students joined this year.

"The bowlers seem to be having fun and are competitive. The lesser number is disappointing, but I think that 's due to an increase in team sports and because more kids are working now," commented Bill Birk, club sponsor.

Bowlers had some fun times at the lanes, even if a few balls landed in the gutter.

◆Heather Teeling Gina Jimenez







Taking a break from the game, junior Treat Clendenen chats with her boyfriend at an afterschool bowling session. Clendenen served as president of the bowling club this year. ◆kyli-Hecht





S ophomore
Nikki Garza
totals up
scores for one
of her team
mates. Unlike
many bowling allies,
Plaza Lanes
was not furnished with
electronic
score-keeping

ing. ◆Mike Milligan



Jumor Christina Lopez finishes her approach This year was Lopez's first as a member of the bowling club. ◆Kyle Hecht

Bowling Club

Sponsor: William Birk

Members: 16

Officers: Trina Clendenen, Dana Duran, Cherie Shuhrke, Becky Betts, Lisa Walker, Jen Szpejnowski



Front Row: Jennifer Szpejnowski, Lisa Walker, Rebecca Betts, Trina Clendenen, Dana Duran, Cherie Schuhrke. Row Two: Heather Baldwin, Mindie Hall, Kenny Rudzinski, Janette Cobb, Stric Casarday.



Preparing to take her next shot, sophomore Mindie Hall waits for the pins to be reracked. Hall was one of the few members to return from last year's league. •Mike Milligan

DECA

Sponsor: Richard Reyome

Officers: Michael Ramsey, Tim Krsak, Becky Eisensee, Kristina Pikus, Nancy Marszalek

Members, 85

Activities Lap-A-Thon, Sweet-O-Grams, Care Tree, DECA Competition, DECA Week Activities, Conferences, Picnics



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 $D_{\rm ECA}$ sponsor Richard Reyome and senior Michael Ramsey, who served as president of the Griffith DECA chapter, receive the MDA award for their efforts. GIFS also received the Sweepstakes Award for the second year in a



Missouri.

• Katie

Remschreiber





Senior Corey O'Brien distributes Blow-Pops to Jim Pickett's class on Sweetest Day. DECA sponsored the selling of sweeto-grams annually. • Num Govert







G riffith DECA members work "the store" in the cafeteria while waiting for the judges to tally up the scores. This year, the regional competition was held at the high school.

Katie Reinschreiber

The

DECA members pave

Real

the career road

World

to success

"I have to do what? I can't do this. Oh! I'm too nervous. What if I screw up. Oh, geez! I want to go to Nationals so bad!"

That's what many first-time role-players in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) may have been thinking as they sat in the Prep Room getting ready to present to the judges. But determination seemed to take over as 33 DECA members advanced to the State Level. They did so well, that the DECA chapter received the Sweepstakes award for the third consecutive year.

"I think part of the reason we did so well was because of the increase in members," said senior Tim Krsak, DECA vice president.

This year, along with selling sweetograms, candy, cookies, and preparing a care tree, DECA fundraised for Frank Starcevic, a senior diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. Also, DECA raised approximately \$5,000 for MDA by holding their annual Lap-A-Thon.

DECA influenced and prepared many students interested in finding success in the business world

"I think DECA is great because it prepares you for the real world and how to interact and associate with business people," explained Krsak.

◆Heather Teeling , Jeanette Vickery

Working

Stage Crew, Movie Workers

Pull Together

Sports weren't the only activities in the high school requiring teamwork. The dedicated stage crew pulled off two major productions, and movie workers pulled together countless weekend showings.

Between hanging the street curtain and painting the storefront, stagecrew members tackled some intense building projects during Little Shop of Horrors in the Fall.

"We made all of the scenery and built all of the props. We also had to make up every person that went on stage," said junior Melanie Scheeringa.

Likewise, the movie workers sacrificed their Friday and Saturday evenings to control a room full of anxious spectators. not to mention selling tickets and cleaning up the mess afterwards.

Junior Julie Stucky said,"We work just like a regular movie theater. We sell tickets, usher, and show a great movie. And the workers see the film at no cost."

Thanks to the movie workers and stage crew, all students had a few more options to occupy their sacred freetime.

◆Heather Teeling





teer stage crew starts building the new set. This was the first student directed play produced in P roudly advertising the upcoming movie, Kelly Creviston, junior, displays the new billboard poster. The movie workers received companies like local theaters . Ryan Govert





Volunteering his time, sophomore Dave De-Lauro helps build the set for the fall play Little Shop of Horrors.



Stage Crew

Sponsor Ray Weaver

Members: 22

Activities Building stage and scenery, character make-up



Front Row; Julie Stucks, Kelly Creviston, Ray Weaver, Jamee Harkins, Nancy Marszalek, Row Two: Miranda Moore, Melanie Mimaugh, Kim Rochefort, Armando Rodriguez, Nick Klekot, Row Three: Heather Wright, Tori Dresbaugh, Chris VanGorp, Rami Musleh, Phil Cook.

Movie Workers

Sponsor Ray Weaver

Members. 15

Activities Finday and Saturday night



Front Row: Julie Stucky, Kelly Creviston, Ray Weaver, Jamee Harkins, Nancy Marszalek, Row Two: Christina Wilcox, Kathy Carnahan, Melanie Scheeringa, Kelly Mimnaugh, Kim Rochefort, Nick Klekot. Row Three: Denise Paluki, Kim Cooper, Kim Pataky, Chris VanGorp, Phil Cook, Dave Falda, David Detlauro

Pantherettes

Sponsor: Martha Davis

Members: 20

Officers: Kiesha Green, Miranda Owczarzak. Shellie Hoover, Amy Brown

Activities: Performing for home crowds and promoting school spirit



Front Row: Amy Brown, Mranda Owczarzak, Ktesha Green, Shellie Hoover, Row Two: Heather Teeling, Gina Segally, Trisha Jones, Cortney Spillman, Sarah Gatlin, Row Three, Melissa Buckner, Harmone Morris, Carolyin Redar, Sarah Mazzocco, Sheri Keen, Alana Robles, Row Four, Mindy Beigle, Kristin Sarver, Heidl Terpstra, Tara Galambos, Jenny Pelletter,



Junior Pantherette Carolyn Redar performs a routine at the sectional football pep rally. The girls learned the dance at Purdue University during the summer pom camp. ◆ Junior Myers



Pantherettes demonstrate strength and flexibility as all 20 girls pop into a toe touch. This routine was choreographed for senior night.

• slaum Muers





Trying out a new ripple, the GHS poin squad dives to the floor to please their audience. The girls performed new routines at all home varsity basketball games ◆ + even Myers

The Pantherettes strike a more balletic pose than usual. This routine was the only true "dance" routine performed during the school year.

Kicking

Pantherettes

UP

excel to a

their

new level

Heels

Her body tenses up as she marches onto the floor, and a giant smile replaces the nervous expression brought on by competition. The music begins, and off she goes. Kicking and jumping and dancing with her own sense of style, yet staying in unison with 19 other girls.

The Pantherettes had an excellent season. They received four group awards during Purdue pom camp not to mention six personal achieve-ment ribbons and two All-American nominations

"I liked camp, but I loved competition. Both were a lot of fun but even more hard work. I especially can't wait for competition next year," said sophomore Mindy Biegle.

The Pantherettes participated in three competitions this year, including one regional where they received a first place and one state-wide where they captured third. All in all, the Pantherettes definitely had the most outstanding season ever. So far. *Heather Teeling*

Heads

Students

Held

receive

High

honors

High honors, scholarship opportunities, and major awards are the words to describe the make-up of these students' lives. These two honor groups are known as Quill & Scroll and Honor Society.

National Honor Society represented a group of students holding excellence in scholarship, citizenship, and service. Meanwhile, Quill & Scroll included members of the Reflector and the Panther Press staffs, combining to form a journalistic honor society.

"It's great to see Yearbook and Panther Press support each other. I think that's what really makes this year standout," explained senior Jeff Carroll, president of Ouill & Scroll.

National Honor Society conducted their annual blood drive, resulting in 102 pints of blood donated. And, Quill & Scroll attended the National Convention in Dallas and the State Convention at Franklin College, and received many honors for their journalistic work.

◆Jeanette Vickery







Playing some Hack, a few Quill & Scroll guys make use of their spare time at Franklin College Quill & Scroll visited the college during a State Convention. • Shawn Myers







Juntor Valerie Wright, vice president of Quill & Scroll, picks the winning number during the lake Walk fundraiser at Central Park. Quill & Scroll raised money for its trip to the National Joneonton in Dallas * Juneon Myers*

National Honor Society

Sponsor: Cynthia Speiewski

Members: 16

Officers: Gina Segally, Carolyn Healy, Fred Rauscher, Jenn Meece.

Activities: Breakfast for prospective members; Annual Blood Drive; Dinne for Top Ten in each class.



Front Row: Stefanie Dominguez, Jenn Meece Fred Rauscher, Gina Segally, Carolyn Healt Renee Bir, Row Tow: Valene Wright, Carolyn Redar Nicole Nalepa, Nancy Marszalek, Christina Wilcox Row Three: Valene Rope, Matt Allison, Kenny Rudziński, Mike Tomesi, Iulie Stucky

Quill & Scroll

Sponsor: Denise Newton

Members: 33

Carolin

Officers: Jeff Carroll, Valene Wright, Courtney Sanger, Monica

Activities: National & State conventions, competitions and



Front Row: Katie Reinschreiber, Valerie Wright, Monica Busowsky. Jeff Carroll, Shauma Poirter. Courtings Singer, Kelly Crevistion, Row Two Aimee Willis, Lynda Phillips, Christina Wilcox, Kelley Smith, Amanda Foust, Mandy Legler, Jamee Harkins, Steve Szafarczyk, Row Three. Christine Judge-Sarrah Sheppard Julie Jankowski, Kristin Sarver, Heather Teeling, Nicole Nalega, Sarah Adtkins, Nathan Ehresman Row Four Eric Carlson, Kyle Hecht, Jenne Wargo, Ucitor Garao, Sabsom Weese, Gorg, Kirk, Nick Hawkins, Row Five: Matt Allison, Mart Skurs, Not Jenkins.

Reflector

Sponsor: Denise Newton

Members: 20

Activities: Produce the annual vearbook



Front Row: Julie Jankowski, Lynda Phillips, Shawn Myers, Katie Reinschreiber, Shauna Porirer, Mandy Legler Row Two: Kyle Hecht, Jerime Wargo, Denise Newton, Kellev Smith, Amanda Foust. Row Three: Tina Wilcox, Kristin Sarver, Heather Teeling.



Junior Kristin Sarver threatens her co-staffer Heather Teeling, junior, with a blast of hot air from her hair dryer. Things often got a little slap happy during those long nights at overnight conventions. ***Diatren Myers**



nior Shawn Myers plays a little ski-ball where a kid can be a kid Reflector and Panther Press mem bers spent the afternoon at Chuck v Cheeses after the Media Merit-thon held a TUPLL **Danse Neurons**

Regressing





HOM N

Editors-in-chief Katie Reinschreiber, junior, and Shauna Poirier, senior, design new pages for the annual yearbook. Reflector staffers showed their school spirit by taking part in country day.

• Shauen Myers

Above

Yearbook staff

and

Handles Pressure

Beyond

To Produce Annual

"Is the divider page done yet?" "I know someone stole my baseball negs!" "Where are the senior personals?" "Mush, mush, mush."

What may have sounded like jibberish to some people was simply everyday pressure that came along with being part of an award-winning yearbook staff.

"I was really surprised to hear that we were ranked ninth Best of Show at the national convention in Dallas. I knew we had a good book, but that's really awesome when you think of how many schools there were," said junior Kelley Smith.

Being on staff was much more work than most realized.

Junior Jill Troksa said,"I expected being on staff to be hard, but the time it takes is unbelievable. You can't just sit around if you don't have an assignment. There's always someone who needs help."

So although a rocket scientist degree wasn't necessarily mandatory to print a photo or write a caption, the year proved that only a selected group was cut out for the yearbook business.

♦ Heather Teeling



Student Council

Sponsor: Todd Iwema, Sheila Vaclavik

Officers. Fred Rauscher, Renee Birk, Kara Siegle, Jennifer Meece

Members 4

Activities Food Drive, Homecoming Parade



Front Row: Sheila Varlavuk, Courtney/Sanger, Gina Segally, Renne Brik, Fred Rauscher, Kara Single, Jennifer Meece. Lewis Belcher, Todd Iwerna, Row Two: Carolyn Healy, Sarrah Shepperd, Johnna Vestal, Loreen Battine, Stefame Dominiquer, Sarah Gatlin, Amy Hill, Valene Wright, Stace Watthews, Gina Jimmer, Row Three Bryan Robles, Melanie Scheeringa, Heather Teeling, Sarah Mazzocco, Carolyn Redar, Cortney Spillman, Amy Brown, Jeanette Vickery, Angela Bishop, Row Four: Michele Aldrin, Chrinsy Duyle, Karn Batrinski, Kyley Jacoby, Tara Galambos, Stacy Ganz, Carrie Cable, Danielle Kowecst, Wendy Irvin, Dara Biseszat, Row Five Emily Bacon, JulioStucky, Scott Reese, Mindy Bigel, Jesisca Meece, Cory O'Brien, Shawn Myers, Angie Rauscher, Amy Zagrocki, Jenny Pelleten,

Senior Class Council

Sponsor Barbara Deleget, Russ Radtke

Officers: Shellie Hoover, Renee Birk, Courtney Sanger, Gina Segally

Mombos 10

Activities Senior Floatbuilding, Senior Banquet, Graduation



Front Row-Barbara Deleget, Kara Siegle, Courtney, Sanger, Renee Birk, Shelie Hoover, Gina Segalily, Jennifer Meece, Miranda Owczarzak, Russ Radtke Row Two: Trisha Jones, Shauna Poirrer, Lews Belcher, Carolyn Healy, Johnna Vestal, Fred Rauscher Row Three: Megan Caron, Matt Allison, Michael Tomes, Shawn Myers, Kiesha Green,

Worth

Class and Student Council

the

members go the

While

extra mile for GHS

While some students were still getting out of bed, members of class and student councils had already planned dance themes, parade line-ups, food drives and a billion other activities.

Class Council handled float building for each grade along with graduation, senior banquet, Turnabout and Prom.

Student Council took over the annual Homecoming parade, Homecoming activities, Thanksgiving food drive, spirit week, the first MORP, and fundraisers to help Frank Starcevic, a senior diagnosed with a rare form of lukemia.

Student Council president Fred Rauscher was extremely pleased with the amount of money his organization raised for Starcevic.

"We raised over \$1,500 for Frank, and we'll definitely have at least a couple more fundraisers before this year is over," said Rauscher in mid-January.

Meanwhile, the first MORP (Prom spelled backwards) featured country music, line-dancing, a hitching post and an unusual evening dinner.

Students who participated in Class or Student Council often found themselves knee-deep in canned foods and crepe paper while waking at the crack of dawn, but their efforts provided memories for the entire student body.

◆Heather Teeling





Junior Class Council

Sponsor Daryl Carstenson, Theresa

Officers Sarah Mazzocco, Abby Dalach, Carolyn Redar, Stefanie Dominguez

Activities Junior Float building Prom



Front Row: Alana Robles, Sarah Gatlin, Stefanie Carolyn Redar, Amy Brown, Jaime Flores Row Harmonie Morris, Tracy Zabek, Betsy Blessing, Monica Busovsky, Sara Miller Row Three: Chris-

Sophomore Class Council

Sponsor David Smith Sharon Smith

Officers Danielle Kovecsi, Tara Galambos, Carne Cable. Gina Jiminez

•Kristin Sarver



Front Row: Tara Galambos, Danielle Kovecsi, Gina Jiminez, Heidi Terpstra. Row Two: Jeanette

Panther Press

Sponsor Denise Newton

Members 24

Activities publish school newspaper and special supplement magazines



Front Row Christine Judge, Jamee Harkins, Kelly Creviston, Eric Carlson, Sarah Adkins, Monica Busovski, Row Two: Nick Hawkins, Jeff Carroll, Valerie Wright, Nathan Ehresman, Nicole Nalepa, Aimee Willis Row Three: Victor Garcia, Greg Kirk, Matt Allison, Sarrah Shepperd, Courtiney Sanger, Steve Szalarczek



After a long day of painting Denise Newton's house, newspaper staffers take a well-deserved break. Some staff members spent Labor Day painting their adviser's house for extra cash.

• *Nyle Hecht*







Panther Press members boogie down at a Franklin College dance. The newspaper received two first place Harvey Awards and four other awards during their stay. I firm Warvo







Senior Courtney Sanger spends a summer day sainting the soon-to-be business office across the full from the journalism room. The office was ster converted to a storage area.



Easier

Creating a nationally

Read

acclaimed paper isn't

than

all fun and games

Done

On the way to first hour many students stopped by the ledge. But they weren't sitting around doing homework. It was Friday, and everyone anxiously awaited the next award-winning issue of the Panther Press.

Many people may have thought *Panther Press* was just a blow-off class, but if they ever walked into Room \$105 during seventh hour, they would definitely be proven wrong.

"It's a lot more work than people think it is. You're all stressed out and trying to put an issue together, and when you finally do, you don't even have time to be relieved because the next day the whole thing starts all over again," said In-Depth Editor, junior Valerie Wright.

Panther Press won six Harvey Awards and was also named the sixth newspaper Best of Show at the national journalism convention in Dallas, Tx. So, it seems that all the headaches paid off after all.

◆Heather Teeling

Chorale

Sponsor: Cynthia Spejewski

Officers: Gina Segally, Kara Siegle, Renee Birk, Michael Tomcsi, Carolyn Healy

Members 2

Activities: Concerts and various solor ensemble opportunities

Front Row: Chris Kagel, Kara Siegle, Row Two? Rence Birk, John Nalepa, Koon Lau, Emily Bacan, Nathan Green, Row Three Carolyn Healy, Dave Kirk, Bret Elam, Giran Segally, John Cobb, Christine Judge, Row Four: Jeremiah Worth, Alexia Comions, Abby Dalach, Mike Tomesi, Jennifer Meece, Keth



Concert Choir

Sponsor: Cynthia Spelews

Officers. Fred Rauscher, Betsy Blessing Stefanie Dominguez, Jeff Shoulders

Members 26

Activities. Concerts and various solo/



Front Row: Amy Brown, Alyssa Radio, Julis Stucky, Michelle Taylor, Nikki Neighbors, Stefanie Dominguez, Christina Wilcox, Row Two, Cheyl) Blythe, Jill Troksa, Amber Evans, Chris Van Gorp, Betsy Blessing, Tracey Zabek Row Three: Harmonie Morris, Nicole Williams, Fred Rauscher, Seth Kosowsky, Susan Barriga, Tim Theodozio, Seth Kosowsky, Susan Barriga, Tim Theodozio, Chris Higgins, Sen Klamm, Json Mat Schutter, Chris Higgins, Sen Klamm, Json

Singing a

Choir attempts

Different

to sing

Tune

the blues

"On the tip of the tongue, on the tip of the tongue."

Try saying that 10 times fast. Well that's exactly what choir students were required to do to warm-up their award-winning vocal chords.

This year, the GHS music department hosted the Indiana State School Music Association, better known as ISSMA, competition. All high school choirs, including Girl's Chorus, Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, and Chorale participated. They earned various first and second place medals, with first-place awards qualifying groups for state competition in Indianapolis in February.

Senior Gina Segally, the president of Chorale who had performed with different choirs since junior high, recalled something different Chorale (the most advanced choir) was planning.

"We're taking two or three songs to a jazz competition this year. It should be pretty interesting because as far as I know Griffith has never done anything like this before," said Segally.

The choirs once again upheld high standards to the credit of the excellent music department. Those tongue twisters helped out after all.

◆Heather Teeliing



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Girl's Chorus

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Officers: Casey Evans, Miranda Moore,

Members 17

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Playing her heart out playing her heart out your lenny Wiszole k practices her piece for the first home basketball game. Wszolek led the marching bandas a student drum major along with Valerie Roper, junior.

◆ Kyle Hecht







Honoring our country's flag, the marching band performs the Star Spangled Banner during the regional football game against South Bend St. Joe The Panthers defeated the St. Joe Indians 14-7. ◆ Shaun Muers

Keeping the beat alive is senior Phil Bice. Bice was the snare drummer for Marching Band. He also performed in the musical Cabaret at the Dinner Playhouse in Highland as the set drummer. **Dernine Wareo**

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"Mark time mark, 4 and 1-2-3-4!" The cadence began, and the marching band took off. Keeping their rows and columns, in place then turning the corner. All of this while playing their instruments with precision.

Although parades may have been fun to watch, marchers found them to be much more stressful than they appeared.

"I don't like parades that much because we have to wear polyester uniforms in ninety degree weather," said Chad Messinio, junior.

Jazz band was also added to the schedule this year.

"Idefinitely like jazz band the most and am really glad that it was added as a class," said junior Kenny Rudzinski.

Whether performing on Broad Street before Homecoming fans or recreating a jazz cabaret in the band room, band members marched to their own beat.

◆Heather Teeling



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Remember: It's all fun and games until the \$ runs out.

uniors Ben Kitchens, Tara Fenyves, and Heather Teeling take a break from English class to check out the Pepsi delivery. Pepsi products filled the school's vending machines. ◆ Kyle Hecht

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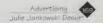
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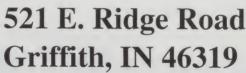
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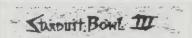
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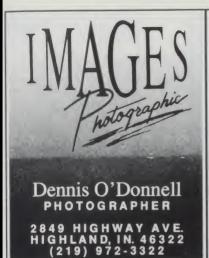
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Brandy Keller-Only one more year! Can you believe it? We're almost done! Jenny

Michael Devitt-Be the best you can be. Senior year is here! Make us proud! Love, Mom & Dad

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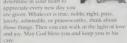






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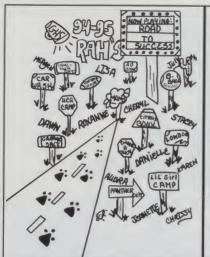


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lt's All Fun and Games Until...

As the school year came to an end, sophomores and juniors couldn't help but think about summer vacation.

Seniors were just happy to say they finally made it. Their thoughts jumped ahead to all the fun and games they would have after graduation as they took their first steps into the "real world." It was also a time to recall the fun and not-so-fun events that happened throughout the year.

Change seemed never-ending. No longer could pop cans be spotted, and DECA cookies were non-existant. Cut off shorts and baggie clothes were considered a big NO-NO!

These changes accompanied a new assistant principal Don Joson,







Chowin' Down! Takingahunk out of dessert, junior Besty Blessing relaxes at the annual softball picnic. The picnic marked the end of the regular season and pumped the girls up for sectional play. **Actic Reinschreiber**

A Chain Game! Trying to make chemistry a little more fun and applicable to everyday life, students were able to "play" with dominos as part of their lesson. Trevor Domazet, senior, works on setting up a course. ** Kyle Hecht**





Crunch Time! Tryingtoorganize his papers, senior Jeff Carroll sits amidst his papers while printing out a page. Carroll was working on his English assignment. ◆Shauna Poirier









who brought a new meaning to the word discipline.

Keeping with tradition, the Booster Club decorated lockers during football and basketball season, but when no candy was allowed to be used, an excess of crepe paper and balloons lined the floors

In the past, Prom was held on Saturday, but to cut down on Monday absences, it was changed to a Friday. Although grumbling Prom goers rushed to get ready, everyone agreed that it was worth it.

One of the bigger scares of the year was the scabies outbreak. Students went out of their way to avoid being touched. Whenever anyone mentioned scabies, people started scratching.









M 0 0 0 1 Making its sacred appearance, the treasured cow was placed on the field by some anonymous mothers in support of the beginning of the football team's post seasonplay. The Panther season came to an end with a heartbreaking loss to Tipton in the semi-state round of the playoffs The Panthers finished with an 11-2 record. ◆ Sharon Muers

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The nurse's office was swamped with panicked students and calls from concerned parents.

Unlike last year, no yellow school buses showed up at any parties after Senior Banquet. Everything was kept quiet and well-disguised.

Seniors smiled as senior ditch day was highlighted with sunshine. Many found it the perfect opportunity to hit the beach.

As the seniors went their separate ways and the juniors and sophomores looked toward the next year, everyone remembered that it was *All Fun and Games While it Lasted*.



Colophon

The yearbook class at Griffith High School in Griffith, Indiana, produced Reflector, Volume 5, during the 1994-95 school year. Herff Jones in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, printed the books, and the account was serviced by Herff Jones representative Susan Taylor and customer service adviser Julie Bogart.

Editors Mandy Legler, Shauna Porrier, and Katie Reinschreiber developed the theme miraculously without many arguements during the summer. The cover incorporated a 4-color design in teal, tuscia purple and silver. The endsheets were printed on white stock. And, the book's 192 pages were printed on Bordeaux Paper Stock.

The 1995 volume includes 8 full-color pages. All body copy was set in Palatino 12 point, and captions were set in Palatino 8 point. Headlines included a variety of designs, differing with each yearbook section.

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Yearbook photographers shot more than 2,000 frames of color and 15,000 frames of black and white film, using several different cameras. All film processing and printing were completed by the staff. However, Larry Titek Photography of Schererville provided the senior portraits, Interstate Studio provided the underclassman photos and The APA Company provided the sports team photos.

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